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IN RE APPLN. OF: KAWAKAMI ET AL.
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FILED: JULY 3, 2001
FOR: MELANOMA ANTIGENS AND THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC
AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS
GROUP ART UNIT: 1642
EXAMINER: S.J. HUFF

ATTACHED: PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE
WITH CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (2 PGS. IN DUPLICATE)
NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY (2 PGS.)
RCE TRANSMITTAL (1 PG IN DUPLICATE)
AMENDMENT (5 PGS.)

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SPECIAL PROCEDURES SUBMISSION

**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.313(c) TO
WITHDRAW AN APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**

Mail Stop 313(c)
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification dated April 23, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, Applicants petition to withdraw this application from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c) and submit the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h). Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination, an Amendment, and the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(e).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,


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Application No. 09/898,860

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Name of Person Signing: John K. Lyk, Jr.
Signature John K. Lyk, Jr.
Date: May 24, 2004

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
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<i>Application No.</i>	09/898,860
<i>Filing Date</i>	July 3, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Kawakami
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1642
<i>Examiner Name</i>	S.J. Huff
<i>Attorney Docket No</i>	218748

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other:
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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 - iv. Form PTO-1449
 - v. Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449
(except for U.S. patents and applications)
 - vi. Other: Petition to Withdraw from Issue and
Notice of Drawing Inconsistency

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. Other:

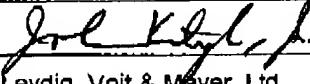
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	
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iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l))	130.00
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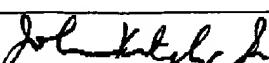
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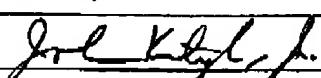
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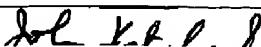
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

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The drawings filed 10-16-01 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

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Figures 8A-8D are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures _____ are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in abandonment of the application.

The file will be held in the Publishing Division to await the correction of the inconsistency.

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